

Chief Borchardt exemplifies the role of Fire Chief for the city of Frisco, Texas. His career began in 1973 as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown of Frisco. He has continued with a passion to serve and protect others every day and every year for nearly 40 years. Acknowledgement of his leadership abilities followed steadily. After eight years of service in a nearby community, he became the City Administrator in Frisco and Fire Chief of the Volunteer Frisco Fire Department. In 1987, Chief Borchardt earned his current title as Fire Chief for the Frisco Fire Department. Under his direction, the Frisco Fire Department expanded from all volunteers to 150 full time professional firefighters. Many lives have been saved as the community has grown. In addition, the City of Frisco has seen a growth from one fire station to six, with a seventh station on the way.

Chief Borchardt also initiated the highly popular and innovative Frisco Fire Safety Town, a facility dedicated to educating children of all ages in fire safety and prevention. His contribution to the City of Frisco through the unique S.A.F.E.R. program (Situational Awareness For Emergency Response) has bolstered the firefighter, EMT, and police divisions of the city with the ability to quickly access critical information during an emergency.

Chief Borchardt's loyalty and sense of duty is constant. He has sought to cooperate and collaborate with fellow fire chiefs, firefighters, and public officials to improve the safety and well-being of not only Frisco residents but the larger North Texas community as well. His career accomplishments highlight his well-honed leadership and mentoring skills and underscore the importance of his service as Frisco Fire Chief. I am proud to recognize Chief Mack Borchardt as a committed public servant for North Texas.

#### CONGRATULATING BENTON HARBOR'S DESTINY WILLIAMS OF THE LADY BEARS OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

#### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Benton Harbor's Destiny Williams of the Lady Bears of Baylor University on her team's victory in the NCAA women's basketball championship. She is an outstanding young woman who helped lead her team to a perfect season, a rare and timeless accomplishment. Our entire community could not be more proud of Destiny and the remarkable basketball career she has made for herself. This is only the second time her team has won the championship and is a testament to her great success.

Winning a national championship is something that will last a lifetime. It is a remarkable achievement that few athletes ever experience, and is a legacy that will live with Destiny and the Lady Bears forever. Destiny knows that hard work, discipline, and teamwork helped her team win this championship. These same qualities brought a big 2008 victory to the Benton Harbor Lady Tigers in the state championship game. Nobody outworked the Lady Bears and nobody could beat them in the tournament or the regular season. Ending

their perfect season with an NCAA championship speaks to Destiny's abilities as a leader and team player.

Destiny's 12 points and 6 rebounds in the championship game helped her team to victory. She is such an inspiration for young women back home and we are all so eager to see what the future holds in store for our Lady Tiger, now Lady Bear.

On behalf of all the residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to Destiny Williams. You make all of us here in Michigan very proud.

#### HONORING BERNARD RAPOPORT

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Bernard Rapoport, a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist. Mr. Rapoport was 94 years old when he passed away in his hometown of Waco, Texas.

Bernard Rapoport was born into humble beginnings. As the son of Russian immigrants, Mr. Rapoport began working at an early age to help his family survive the most trying times of the Great Depression. Out of this experience, Mr. Rapoport developed a tremendous value for education and hard work, and would promote this universally throughout his life.

After moving to San Antonio, Mr. Rapoport began a career selling insurance, where he quickly realized his true talents and passion for the work. Mr. Rapoport opened his own insurance agency in Waco, and launched a long and successful career. Mr. Rapoport ultimately founded the American Income Life Company and expanded it to become one of the Nation's largest providers of supplemental life insurance.

Mr. Rapoport understood well the values of social responsibility, and used his success to help others in need. Using \$46 million of his own money, Mr. Rapoport established the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation in 1987. Consistent with his values, the Foundation focuses on promoting educational, healthcare, and cultural programs for the community in Waco and elsewhere. For his widespread generosity, Mr. Rapoport was named as one of America's "40 most generous philanthropists" by Fortune magazine.

Mr. Rapoport's civic involvement continued well beyond his philanthropy, and he was well-known for his dedicated political involvement at all levels of leadership. Mr. Rapoport built strong relationships with presidents, senators, and representatives, and was frequently praised for his fierce advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, it takes a special person to become as successful in business and political activism as Mr. Rapoport. It takes an extraordinary person to use that success to contribute so selflessly to the community. It has come as a great loss to many people to hear of Mr. Rapoport's passing. I am pleased to honor Mr. Rapoport for his contributions, and his legacy will be preserved in the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation and the American Income Life Company.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ARGYLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the boys' basketball team of Argyle High School for their Texas 3A state championship title this year. The title "Champion" is earned through the determination to succeed as individual athletes, working together as a team. Additional accolades to Coach John King and his staff for their outstanding leadership. Clarke Overlander was named the Class 3A state championship game Most Valuable Player.

In these young men's perseverance and vision to succeed, they are held to rigorous standards of performance on the field as well as academics in the classroom. Winning many games on the way to the state championship, their road to victory is testament to a team always reaching for new heights. This milestone achievement speaks highly of each young man's motivation, teamwork, and willingness to face a challenge; they can be expected to prove themselves as champions in many ways throughout their lives.

I am pleased to join the classmates, teachers, friends, family and Argyle community in honoring the athletic achievement of the Argyle Eagles boys' basketball team winning their first Texas 3A state championship. It is my privilege to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### IN HONOR OF JOHN NOLEN BAILEY

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and remarkable public service of John Nolen Bailey. Mr. Bailey passed away on March 22nd. He will be remembered for his volunteerism, vision and leadership in Monterey County as well as his leadership in the national field of association management.

Mr. Bailey was born on July 12, 1935 in San Francisco. He began his service to the Monterey Peninsula in 1988, with his wife Mary Adams.

Highlights among John's more than 50 years experience as a leader in the professional association world include his serving as chief elected officer of the 25,000-member American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), President and CEO of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), as well as executive director of Trial Lawyers Care, a New York City-based organization that provided pro bono legal representation to more than 1,700 victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

John served on the National Steinbeck Center Board of Trustees, Forest Foundation, Del Monte Forest Property Owners Association, Clark Foundation, Dorothy's Place, and was the executive director of the Monterey History and Art Association from 2005 to 2007. He later returned to the Museum to assist it during a period of organizational transition. The